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In re Application of:

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OF FLUIDS IN BIOLOGICAL TISSUESAsst. Commissioner for Patents  
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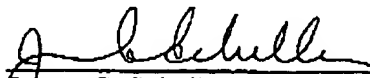
Applicant hereby elects the first group of claims (claims 1-22) for further prosecution in view of the restriction requirement in the Office Action.

Applicant also notes the requirement to identify claims which are readable on an elected species; the Office Action specified four (4) patentably distinct species [(a) Figures 1A-4B; (b) Figure 5A; (c) Figure 5B; and (d) Figure 6]. Applicant hereby elects the first species (Figures 1A, 1B, 2, 3A, 3B, 4A and 4B), and Applicant notes that at least claims 1-13 are readable on this elected species.

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